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SUBJECT: ECEVIT VISIT TO STOCKHOLM

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1. STATEMENTS TO PRESS BY FORMER TURKISH PM BULENT ECEVIT DURING DECEMBER 11-13 VISIT TO STOCKHOLM INCLUDED BRIEF REFERENCES TO TURKISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATO AND SOVIET UNION. DECLARING THAT TURKEY IS NEEDED IN NATO AS LINK IN DEFENSE PACT, ECEVIT WAS QUOTED AS ADDING THAT TURKEY MUST ALSO TAKE CARE OF ITSELF. THIS WAS DEMONSTRATED, HE EXPLAINED, BY AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO WHICH WAS VIOLATION OF US-TURKISH AGREEMENT. QUERIED UNCLASSIFIED

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IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDSABOUTTURKEY'S INCREASING COOPERA-

TION WITH SOVIET UNION, ECEVIT ASSERTED THAT US CAN HARDLY OBJECT TO THIS DEVELOPMENT IN VIEW OF ITS OWN COOPERATION WITH USSR.

2. OTHERWISE, ECEVIT COMMENTS WERE MAINLY REITERATION OF WELL-KNOWN TURKISH JUSTIFICATIONS FOR SUMMER 1974 INVASION OF CYPRUS AND TURKISH ARGUMENTS FAVORING CREATION OF NEW FEDERAL CYPRIOT STATE. ASKED WHETHER IN HIS OPINION GREEK PM KARAMANLIS WOULD RATHER NEGOTIATE WITH HIM THAN WITH PRESENT TURKISH PM DEMIREL, HE ANSWERED: "I THINK KARAMANLIS AND I WOULD BE ABLE TO GET ON SPEAKING TERMS." HE ALSO DESCRIBED ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AS "GREATEST OBSTACLE" IN RESOLVING CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. DAGENS NYHETER ARTICLE INCLUDED INTERVIEW WITH VISITING GREEK POLITICIAN AND JOURNALIST GIORGIOS PATSIS WHO ACCUSED ECEVIT OF HAVING INITIATED CYPRUS CONFLICT WHILE PRIME MINISTER WITH AIM OF ESTABLISHING TURKISH ADMINISTRATION ON ISLAND. HE INDICATED THAT ECEVIT'S SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS REPRESENTED RECENT CONVERSION BROUGHT ABOUT BY UNIVERSAL CONDEMNATION OF TURKISH ACTIONS.

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